REMARKS

The above amendment is made in response to the Office Action of July 16, 2003. Claims 1, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15-16, 20, and 22 have been amended. Claims 1-22 are pending in the present application and stand rejected. The Examiner's reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the above amendment and the following remarks.

The claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for not having sufficient antecedent basis for various limitations. Claim 1 was cited as an example. Applicants have, to the best of their knowledge, amended the claims such that all limitations in claims 1-22 are claimed with sufficient antecedent basis. Withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 and 6-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jones et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,626,637) (hereinafter "Jones"), in view of Barritz (EP 0 854 421 A1) (hereinafter "Barritz"), and further in view of Peterson (U.S. Patent No. 6,349,289) (hereinafter "Peterson"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action argues that Jones, in Figure 2, teaches or suggests "the storage device having stored therein an access code for indicating whether an individual is authorized *to temporarily access the CA computer*," as essentially claimed in claims 1, 11, and 16. However, Jones discloses a detachable memory card incorporating password circuitry for preventing *access to information stored in the memory card.* (See Jones, Abstract). Jones does not teach or suggest using the memory card to gain temporary access to the host computer. As such, Jones does not teach or suggest "the storage device having stored therein an access code for indicating whether an individual is authorized to

temporarily access the CA computer." Similarly, the combination of Jones, Barritz, and Peterson does not teach such limitations.

The Office Action admits that Jones and Barritz do not teach "monitoring activity of at least one of the individual and the CA computer," as essentially claimed in claims 1, 11, and 16. However, the Office Action argues that Peterson, in combination with Jones and Barritz, discloses "monitoring activity of at least one of the individual and the CA computer." Peterson discloses a system and method for *monitoring remote computer access* and associated costs. (See Peterson, Abstract). That is, Peterson discloses monitoring access by a remote user computer to various host computers for the purpose of minimizing the costs of remote access. (See Peterson, col. 1, lines 20-23). Peterson does not teach or suggest monitoring activity of the user computer. As such, Peterson, in combination with Jones and Barritz, does not teach or suggest "monitoring activity of at least one of the individual and the CA computer."

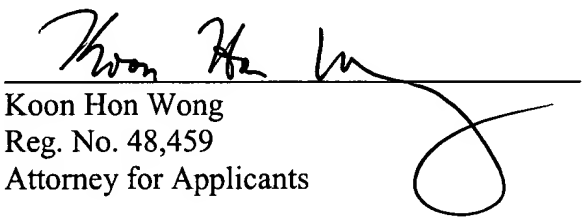
Notwithstanding the arguments presented above, it is further submitted that Jones, Barritz, and Peterson are not analogous art and are not properly combined. As previously stated, Jones discloses a detachable memory card incorporating password circuitry for preventing access to information stored in the memory card, and Peterson discloses a system and method for monitoring remote computer access and associated costs. Barritz discloses a method and apparatus for personalizing a computer available for public use. It is clear from the above descriptions, that the disclosures of Peterson and Barritz bear no relation to preventing access to information stored in a memory card disclosed in Jones, and, as such, are not pertinent to the field of endeavor of Jones. It is well-established that hindsight may not be used to combine references. Applicants submit that the only way to

combine the teachings of Jones, Barritz, and Peterson, as argued by the Office Action, is to use such impermissible hindsight.

Accordingly, amended claims 1, 11, and 16 are believed to be patentably distinguishable and nonobvious in view of Jones, Barritz, and Peterson. Dependent claims 2-10, 12-15, and 17-22 are believed to be allowable for at least the reasons given for amended claims 1, 11, and 16. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

By: 

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